

CIA-SECRETS (230)

WASHINGTON, FEB. 25 (AP)—CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR W.F. RABORN ACKNOWLEDGED TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY THAT THE AGENCY KEEPS SOME SECRETS FROM THEM, SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., SAID.

MCCARTHY, WHO HAS BEEN URGING A TIGHTER CONGRESSIONAL REIN ON THE CIA, SAID ADM. RABORN TOLD THE COMMITTEE UNDER QUESTIONING THAT "THERE ARE THINGS IT (THE CIA) TELLS THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE IT DOESN'T REPORT TO US."

A SELECT GROUP OF VETERANS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES FORM A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE OVER CIA OPERATIONS.

ALTHOUGH MCCARTHY AND OTHERS ARGUE THE BIG INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IS INVOLVED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHO SERVES ON THE WATCHDOG GROUP IS SEN. STEWART SYMINGTON, D-MO.--AND SYMINGTON IS THERE ONLY BECAUSE HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

AT THE MINIMUM, MCCARTHY SAID HE BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE AN AGREEMENT TO ASSIGN THREE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE WATCHDOG GROUP.

AFTER TODAY'S BRIEFING BY RABORN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN J.W. FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., TOLD NEWSMEN: "NOT ONLY DID HE NOT TELL US ANYTHING, BUT IF HE HAD, I COULDN'T TELL YOU."

ASKED ABOUT MCCARTHY'S COMMENT THAT THE CIA CHIEF ADMITTED THE AGENCY WITHHOLDS INFORMATION FROM THE COMMITTEE, FULBRIGHT SAID:

"ADMITTED IT? THERE WASN'T ANY DOUBT OF IT."

BUT FULBRIGHT POINTED OUT THAT THIS HAS BEEN STANDING POLICY, NOT A DECISION BY RABORN.

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WITHHOLDING SECRETS: THERE ARE SOME SECRETS THAT THE SUPER-SECRET CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WITHHOLDS EVEN FROM SENATORS, THE LEGISLATORS HAVE BEEN TOLD.

SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., SAID CIA DIRECTOR W. F. RABORN ADMITTED WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM THE SENATORS. MCCARTHY COMMENTED AFTER RABORN BRIEFED THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE FRIDAY.

"THERE ARE THINGS IT (THE CIA) TELLS THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE IT DOESN'T REPORT TO US," MCCARTHY QUOTED RABORN AS SAYING DURING THE BRIEFING.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN J. W. FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER THE BRIEFING: "NOT ONLY DID HE NOT TELL US ANYTHING, BUT IF HE HAD, I COULDN'T TELL YOU."

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